FIRE PROGRAM ANALYSIS (FPA)

#### THE FPA SYSTEM:

- Encourages tribal, state, and local agency participation
- Incorporates geospatial data which provide the means to map effects of wildland fire on lands across the country
- Generates outcomes from fire planning units that provide information to the national budget planning process
- Provides a way for land managers to compare trade-offs between wildland fire program components
- A tool to ensure wildland fire management actions help meet performance measures outlined in the 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy

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#### **Fire Program Analysis**

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# EOG Message to FPA Stakeholders

The Executive Oversight Group (EOG) for Fire Program Analysis recently issued a letter to FPA stakeholders that discusses the accomplishments of the Fire Planning Units (FPUs) in completing and submitting their analyses.

Based on national analysis and review of the submissions, the EOG has affirmed that the FY 2010 Analysis won't be used to propose budget or program changes to field units in fiscal years 2011 or 2012.

Ongoing and potential adjustments have been identified for the FPA program. The submitted FPU FY2010 analysis and feedback helped to identify these needed changes.

As we move into the FY 2011

analysis, we don't anticipate that FPUs will be required to input data into the program or run an analysis.

Over the next several months, the FPA program will be validating, adjusting and calibrating the models.



Near term steps include completing model adjustments with FPA personnel rerunning the FPU analyses.

The analysis information and

FPU outputs will be accessible to the FPUs. The FPUs will be provided an opportunity to view updated modeled outputs based on their Year-2 data inputs and a time frame within which they may choose to adjust their inputs and rerun analyses to ensure quality data input and outputs if they choose.

As a result of the EOG guidance, changes to FPU boundaries and FWAs will not be accepted for the upcoming analysis. In addition, weather stations used for the Large Fire Module will remain the same.

More details will be forthcoming. To view this letter, go to the FPA website at: <u>Update—FY2010 Interagency Guidance</u> and <u>Program Status.</u>



137 FPUs completed and submitted their FY2010 analysis for the FY2012 submission. The results of these analyses will be uploaded into the national goal programming tool.

The data from the FPUs will

be used to review and adjust the model components, evaluate the consistency of FPU inputs, refine the model to increase confidence in results, and focus communication and training efforts. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make this happen! ©



Red Slate Mountain, District Ranger Arnold Snyder, September, 1963. Forest Service, USDA.

# Management Advisory Team

In September 2007, an interagency Management Advisory Team (MAT) for Fire Program Analysis was assembled. The Management Advisory Team provides business process guidance and helps ensure a strong link between the FPA project and the field through the FPA Business Leads. The team is made up of agency

line officers, and national budget planners. The team represents the five Federal wildland fire agencies and the National Association of State Foresters. This team has two important roles: First, they represent the land management agencies from a line officer perspective in relation to the FPA program. This includes

being a conduit for field line officers comments and concerns to the FPA program.
Second, they ensure a strong linkage between MAT and the EOG by advising and recommending responses to field issues regarding the FPA program, including communication to the field through appropriate line officer channels.

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## **MAT Members**

Lori Armstrong	BLM, Colorado SW District Manager
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Kathy Davis	NPS, Superintendent, Montezuma Castle & Tuzigoot National Monuments
Nancy Rose	USFS, Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest
Scott Bradshaw	BIA, National Fire Planner
Joe Frost (Acting)	USFS, FPA Liaison & Advisor
Jaymee Fojtik	DOI, Business Lead, FPA Liaison & Advisor



#### **FPA System Reference:**

☑ Contact the FPA system helpdesk at fire help@fs.fed.us or at: 1-800-253-5559.

☑ Check out the FPA "Quick Start" instruction guide. The Quick Start instruction guide walks FPUs through the initial FPA process with reference and instructional links.

☑ Review the <u>FPA White Papers</u>. These papers will describe how the model uses different resources, fuel treatments, or data.

☑ The FPA <u>User Guide</u> is available on the FPA web site. It walks the user through the system step by step.

Fire Program Analysis (FPA) system is a common interagency decision support tool for wildland fire planning and budgeting.

This tool will enable wildland fire managers in the five federal land management agencies to plan jointly.

For more information visit http://fpa.nifc.gov or call 208-947-3757

What do you think of our new format?

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Email: fa fpa@nifc.blm.gov

## Year 2 Review is Underway!

With another year of FPA analysis and submissions behind us, a review of the second year of the FPA program has begun. Covering 11 stakeholder groups, one of the purposes of the review is to receive feedback on what worked well, and which areas of the analysis need improvement.

The review will include two parts, a stakeholder's face-to-face workshop, and a review workshop with FPA Team members. The stakeholder's workshop is scheduled to take place June  $22 - 23^{rd}$  in Boise, Idaho. A diverse group of participants will include a representation of FPU Planners, Line Officers, GA Leads, and Agency Fire Directors. Other attendees will include one member each from the Interagency Science Team, Fuels Committee, and Prevention team, among others. If you have an interest in attending, please contact your respective GA Lead.

For a list of Geographic Area Leads, click here.

## **New Products on FPA Website**



Three new products are available on the FPA website. Two new maps can be accessed on the FPA web. One map portrays the FPUs by geographic area boundary. The second map has FPUs overlaid on the federally managed lands layer. A spreadsheet is also available that shows the nationwide distribution of the 40 Fuel Models and acres per FWA and ESL sizes/FWA. Also included are the ESL (exceed simulation limits) sizes and duration in time for each FWA. To view these new products, click <a href="here">here</a>.